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Applicants : Jingyue Ju et al.
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For : BIOMOLECULAR COUPLING METHODS USING 1,3-DIPOLAR CYCLOADDITION CHEMISTRY

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Petition is submitted in connection with the above-identified application and further to the Notice of Appeal filed May 14, 2008 with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The May 14, 2008 Notice of Appeal was received on May 20, 2008 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the stamped returned postcard is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Accordingly, an Appeal Brief was due July 20, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond. The fee for a five-month extension of time for a small entity is ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,175.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants have previously established small entity status. With a five-month extension of time, a response to the May 14, 2008 Notice of Appeal is now due December 20, 2008.

Accordingly, this Petition is being timely filed.

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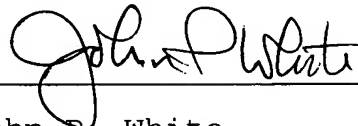
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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$1,175.00 for a five-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

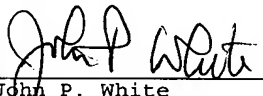
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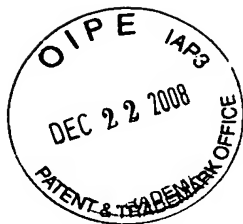
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES in connection with Jingyue Ju et al. for BIOMOLECULAR COUPLING METHODS USING 1,3-DIPOLAR CYCLOADDITION CHEMISTRY, U.S. Serial No.: 10/735,081, filed December 11, 2003, a check in the amount of \$255.00 and a Certificate of Mailing dated May 14, 2008.

Date Due: May 14, 2008

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